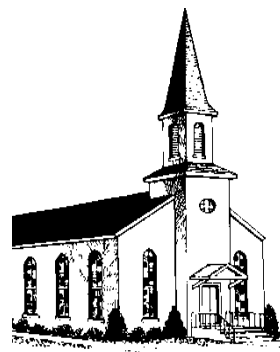


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

Ministering to Christ in the Midst of Disaster

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom... For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited Me in, naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me...' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and invite You in or needing clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick...?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.' " (Matthew 25:34-40, NAS).

Our nation has recently experienced what many have been saying are the worst natural disasters America has ever seen. These hurricanes have given the church the opportunity to express her love to the Lord Jesus Christ and show the world a church that is pleasing to God. All natural disasters are opportunities to show love to Christ through practical means by meeting the needs of those affected by tragedy — both Christians and the un-

saved. Jesus identifies Himself in today's text with the human family. "These brothers of Mine" are Christians who are poor, persecuted and compan-

ions in Jesus's suffering. "The least of them" includes the poorest, the most despised and afflicted of those who do not yet know the love of Christ.

Ministry to Christ in the times of disaster involves a whole lot more than just shouting, raising hands, dancing, singing and the preaching of God's Word in beau-

tiful buildings. It involves getting your hands dirty, a little sweating, spending some money, giving up time and some taking of risks.

The Bible teaches that it does us no good to pray and then say, "I wish you well; keep warm and well fed" yet do nothing to help a needy brother meet physical needs." (James 2:14-18). Jesus's

parable of the "Good Samaritan" tells us that our neighbor is whoever needs the ministry of mercy and helps. If we have the means to meet someone's need of hunger, clothing or shelter, then it is God who gave us those resources and He expects us to use them for His glory.

The story has often been told of the man who was at a prayer meeting. He was praying earnestly, asking God to provide for a man who had a great need. While praying, he stopped, quietly stood up and left the prayer meeting. Later, after his returning, one of the deacons asked him if he was ill. The brother who left said, "No, I felt in my spirit that someone said, 'You go and be My hands.'" So he went and did his part in meeting the need of the man he was praying for.

The heart of our text today is, with a heart of true compassion, ministering to Christ through meeting the practical needs of those who are in want. Christians will not be blessed by the knowledge they have obtained, the fame they have acquired or the fortune they have gained. No, it is how they showed their love to Christ in response to His love shown to them that brings blessing. Many times this is expressed through meeting the needs of others around them.

How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to meet the needs of others for Christ's sake?

Don't Wait

Shoveling the sidewalk is a big job. Why not leave it until tomorrow and enjoy the newly fallen snow today? A fresh snowfall is so beautiful and pristine. There's a chance, however, that the temperature will rise during the day enough to melt some snow and then fall below freezing at night. We might wake up to shining, slippery ice impossible to shovel and dangerous to walk on. Shoveling will be more difficult if we wait!

We put off many things in life, there's always a good excuse. Some of us are just natural procrastinators... others have chaotically busy lives. One thing that often falls to the bottom of the list is the enrichment of our spiritual life. Spending time with God on a regular basis can give us so much joy and sustenance!

Don't wait! Find solutions now through regular prayer and weekly worship. In John 12:35 we read... "Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you." Live in God's light today and every day.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 17.1-26	Luke 8.19-39	Luke 8.40-56	Luke 19.1-10	Acts 9.1-25	Acts 9.26-43	Acts 10.1-33

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NORCATUR NEWS

Stan and Carol Miller left Jan. 4, to go to Topeka to spend the weekend and celebrate a late Christmas with their kids. They picked Joel Miller up in Emporia and took him to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder. Justine Miller and Casey Tuttle, El Dorado, and Casey Morris, Lawrence, met them there. They also got to see Carol's sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Mast of Emporia. Stan and Carol returned home on Jan. 8, with daughter, Justine, who is still on Christmas break from Butler County College. Casey Morris will be around for a visit until KU is back in session.

Weekend guests at the Stan Miller farm were Casey Morris, Lawrence; Justine Miller and Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; and Drew Tuttle, Salina. All attended the afternoon wedding of Bev Morris to Rocky DeLano in Hoxie on Jan. 13, then went to karaoke Saturday evening at the Norcatour Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dean Railsback - Jan. 17; Larry Hix - Jan. 18; Jason Gallentine - Jan. 20; Rebecca Helm - Jan. 21; Barbara McCool - Jan. 22; David and Retta Hare - Jan. 23.

Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque, N.M., and Richard Jurey, Oklahoma City, Okla., were Christmas visitors of Virgil and Joyce Price Dec. 23-26. Keith and Linda went to Kennard, Neb., to visit their son, Jason Jurey and family. Because of the storm they were delayed in returning to their homes.

Virgil and Joyce Price flew from Denver to Mission, Texas, on Dec. 27 for a two-week visit with their son, Bob, Lea and Kate Price. They built a beautiful brick home and sent their parents tickets to visit them and enjoy the Texas weather. Most days there are 60-70 degrees, so it was a big change to come home to snow and ice. Virgil and Joyce also enjoyed a three-day bus tour to Mexico Dec. 30-Jan. 1. They stayed in

Monterrey, visiting several interesting sights in surrounding towns. New Year's Eve was celebrated in the Mexican way. Richard and Venietta Miller came to visit one afternoon. Virgil and Joyce returned to Norcatour via Denver Jan. 10. Randy Allen and Sherri Regal took the Prices to Denver and brought them back, as well as helped them at the airport.

Dorothy Breiner planned to move from McCook to the Andbe Home in Norton on Monday, Jan. 22.

Lance and Mindy Braun were married Nov. 25, and planned a dinner and dance at the Norcatour School on Saturday, Jan. 20.

Doug and Chris Dempewolf spent Christmas Eve with Marian and R.D. Thornton, then went to Dickie Beachel's where Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf joined them. Lynn and Ralph Streit visited the Dempewolfs on Christmas Eve. The Thornton family Christmas had to be postponed due to illness.

Doug and Chris Dempewolf and Ralph and Lynn Streit attended the wedding reception for Rocky and Bev (Morris) DeLano in Hoxie Saturday.

R.D. Thornton was in the hospital from Dec. 30 to Jan. 10. He was taken to the Kearney hospital on Jan. 2. Visitors were: Chris and Sharee Dempewolf, Lynn and Ralph Streit, Marian Thornton, Linda Schleip, and Bob Dempewolf and Carolyn Wurm.

Norcatour Rural Fire Department will hold its annual Pizza Fundraiser on Sunday, Jan. 28. Proceeds will be used to update fire fighting and safety equipment.

Museum Tidbits

Tillie Shirley donated a kerosene lantern that belonged to Mike Shirley's parents, a tin lunch box, Norcatour Centennial candy dish, and pictures from the 1986 centennial celebration. If you have any memorials or obituaries of people buried in the Norcatour or Lyle cemeteries, we would love to add them to the collection.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Application to commence injection of salt water

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LEGAL NOTICE

RE: Ritchie Exploration, Inc. — Application for a permit to authorize the enhanced recovery of salt water into the #2 Schaben 22AD, located in Norton County, Kansas

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Ritchie Exploration, Inc. has filed an application to commence the injection of salt water into the Toronto and Lansing/Kansas City formations at the #2 Schaben 22AD well, located in the 70' W of N/2 NW SE of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 23 West, in Norton County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 1000 psig and a maximum injection rate of

1000 bbls per day.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to the Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why this application should not be granted. If no protests are received, this application may be granted through a summary proceeding. If valid protests are received, this matter will be set for hearing.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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Notice of Annual Norton County Conservation District Meeting

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Norton County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 3rd day of February, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. an annual meeting of the Norton County Conservation District will be held at the Norton American Legion, North Highway 283, Norton, KS.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:
The supervisors of the Norton County

Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:
They shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors, then present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Donna Hale is expiring. All in the county of Norton in the State of Kansas.

By Robert Clydesdale, Chairperson
Norton County
Conservation District

Attest
Twila Dizmgang, Dist. Manager

Estate of Rosalia Uhrich

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2006-PR-30
In the Matter of the Estate of ROSALIA UHRICH, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on November 30, 2006, a Petition was filed in this Court by Virgil Leo Uhrich and Valerie Rose Babcock, heirs, devisees and legatees, and Co-Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Rosalia Uhrich, deceased, dated November 13, 2001, praying that the Will be admitted

to probate and record, that they be appointed as Co-Executors without bond and that they be granted **Letters Testamentary**.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Virgil Leo Uhrich
Co-Petitioner
Valerie Rose Babcock
Co-Petitioner

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